

"Today more than ever, we need individuals rather than corporations to guide the web's future."

This quote in particular stood out to me. Over the years, I, and many others, have become so reliant on technology and the internet. I can remember exactly when the switch was flicked for me. Back in elementary school when we were asked to write a paper, we would pull out a pen and paper and write. When I got to middle school, all of a sudden "writing a paper" would actually mean "typing" up a paper. Over the span of one year, I developed the feeling that I no longer had the need to carry a pencil with me. I also was given my first smartphone during middle school. This was around the time when social media such as Snapchat, Tumblr, and Instagram were really taking off. I started to notice that everyone I would meet at school would have at least one of these social apps, and if you didn't, well you felt a bit alienated. All of a sudden people cared about looking like the models they would see on Instagram, their streaks on Snapchat, and how likes they would get on their posts. Honestly, I feel like this era did more bad than good. I can only imagine what middle school nowadays is like. The people in charge of these apps really don't care all too much about the well-being of their consumers, even when many of them are children.